

Arlington Master Plan Advisory Committee

Central School, Main Room - 7:00 PM

Minutes: April 17, 2014

Approved: May 15, 2014

Members present: Charles Kalauskas, Carol Svenson, Bob Radochia, Pam Heidell, Ann LeRoyer, Wendy Richter, Sheri Baron

Members absent: Eric Bourassa, Joe Barr, Harris Band, Greg Bowe

Also present: Carol Kowalski, Laura Wiener, Ted Fields, and Joey Glushko of the Planning Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

The minutes of the April 10 meeting were tabled until the end of the meeting. At the end of the meeting, there was not a quorum present, and the minutes were tabled until the May 1 meeting.

The Land Use and the Public Facilities and Services working groups have been reviewing comments received at presentations, as well as responses submitted to on-line surveys and public reviews. They have been incorporating such comments/responses into their review of their assigned working papers, tracking the additions/changes and any comments. This was decided upon as the method that all working groups would follow in their review process of their working papers.

The “Discussion of Public Comments, to date,” will be tabled to the meeting of May 1 (a public presentation), or the next working meeting of the MPAC.

Action: The minutes of April 10 and the discussion of public comments will be tabled to the next available meeting time.

The master plan consultants will do a focused study of 3-4 areas of the community as potential areas for future development. MPAC members considered 8 areas . The following options were recommended for focus, and are listed in priority order:

1. The Cambridge Gateway – Rt. 16 and Mass. Ave. neighborhood
2. Broadway/Rt. 16 to Warren St.
3. Lowell St. from Park Ave. to Mass. Ave., with the region stretching from Mass. Ave. to the Mill Brook in the Arl. Heights area
4. The Dow Ave./Poets Corner neighborhood

Areas that were considered but not chosen are Garden Street area and Walgreens area in East Arlington.

Action: Carol Kowalski will discuss these options with consultant Judi Barrett; she will follow-up with property owners so that they are aware of these exploratory analyses.

The MPAC will report to the Annual Town Meeting; the date has been changed from May 7 – the presentation will be on May 5. MPAC co-chairs, Carol Kowalski and Judi Barrett will work to prepare

the report and support material. It was recommended that ARB liaison to the MPAC, Christine Scypinski, should be a part of the report group. Suggested content for the report might include the following:

- What the group has done
- How many meetings have occurred
- How many attendees have been part of the process
- Highlights of what has been heard
- What is the timeline as we proceed
- Highlight the upcoming Visual Preference Survey: "**Do you prefer This, or That?**"
June 10 public presentation; on-line comments through June 27

The draft MPAC schedule (dated, left upper corner, 4/14/2014) was reviewed; it was acknowledged to be a busy spring/summer work period for the MPAC. The following date corrections were made:

The report to Town Meeting was changed **from May 7 to May 5**

The Zoning Diagnostics Report to MPAC and to Mike Byrne (Bldg. Insp.) is **proposed for July 22**

Action: Confirm July 22 date with Mike Byrne

Action: Carol Svenson requested reminder notifications of when report comments would be due.

Action: Resend the Public Facilities and Services Report with comments, as reviewed and amended by Charlie Kalauskas and Bob Radochia.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Joey Glushko